Declares He Holds No Notes From the Sheriff - Would Not Have "Stood for" Guden if He Had Known His Characteristics as Developed by Hearing.

ALBANY, Feb. 18 .- Michael J. Dady, Republican leader and Commissioner of Elections for New York oity, appeared before Gov Odell to-day to give his testimony relative to the charges brought against Sheriff Guden that he had entered into a corrupt bargain with Dady previous to the last election, whereby it was agreed that Guden should divide with him the income and patronage of the Sheriff's office. As Mr. Dady was in Cuba at the time the hearings on the case were had recently, an adjournment until to-day was taken to permit of securng his evidence.

Mr. Dady appeared to-day as a voluntary witness in the case. Attorney Jere Wern-berg appeared for Sheriff Guden and Clarence J. Shearn for the complainant.

Mr. Dady said that he knew Guden and denied that he had entered into the agreement with him mentioned previous to the

Attorney Shearn started to cross-examine

"Mr. Dady, are you the same party who was indicted by the city of Brooklyn in 1879 for malfeasance in office?"

Mr. Wernberg-I object to that question. Gov. Odell said he thought that such a question should be ruled out as not ma-terial, in line with his ruling on the testi-mony bearing on the alleged raised stock transaction of Bert Reiss.

Mr. Shearn thought that the witness, Reiss, had been sworn as to that transaction of his and he should be permitted to attack the credibility of the witness on the stand. He declared that Dady had been indicted on nine counts and that only one of them had been dismissed when he turned State's evidence. He had been charged with conspiracy, felony, perjury, bribery of

public officers and malfeasance in office.

Mr. Dady—Governor, I would like to
answer that while I was indicted that indictment was dismissed and the city reimbursed me for my expenses on the trial.

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Gov. Odeli—Except the witness wants to answer the questions, I will exclude them. Mr. Dady do you want to answer? Mr.Dady—No. Twenty years ago; they are too old.

Mr. Shearn formally offered in evidence the record of the nine indictments against Dady and then the cross-examination was continued. The witness testified he had known Guden for ten years as a citizen and in a political way.

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He remembered that Sandford and Doremus had spoken to him about giving the nomination to Guden. He also said that Doremus told him that he would like the nomination for a county office for himself. He said he was willing to assume the responsibility for Guden's nemination.

Mr. Dady said he had not read Guden's testimony. He did not know any of the characteristics of the man such as may have developed through his testimony given before the Governor. He did not know that Guden was a man who would only stop at murder, arson and larceny in his efforts to secure votes; that he was a man who did not believe his own friend [Sandford] except he was under cath, or that he was a man who would have accepted campaign contributions under false pretences.

"If you had known of these characteristics, would you have stood for Guden?" was asked.

"I would not."

asked.
"I would not."
"Do you hold any promissory notes of
Mr. Guden's?"
"I do not."
"Does he owe you anything?"
"He does not. I contributed \$1,000 to his
campaign fund, but I don't consider that
he owes me that.
"Do you know James Webb?"

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objection to the question was made by ir. Wernberg, but the witness answered at he did have notes, but that Mr. Webb aid them

paid them.
Gov. Odell asked Mr. Dady if Guden had ever talked with him concerning the stories of the agreement as set forth in Bert Reise's speech of Jan. 15.
Mr. Dady—No. I haven't seen him or had any communication with him.
Mr. Shearn—Would you believe Sheriff Guden under cath?

Mr. Shearn—would you believe Sherin Guden under oath? Mr Dady—I would, yes. "Would you believe him under oath if you had known that he had said he would only stop at murder, arson and larceny in his efforts to secure votes?"

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"It would shatter me very much."

This concluded the cross-examination, and Mr. Wernberg asked: "Do you know Bert Reiss's reputation for veracity? What do people say of him?"

"They say he is unscrupulous."

Mr. Shearn then asked Mr. Dady, "Who told you Bert Reiss was a bad fellow?"

"Don't care to give names."

Gov. Odell—You can answer that all right, Mr. Dady—Well, all members of our executive committee and business men gen-

Mr. Dady—Well, all members of our executive committee and business men generally say he is unscrupulous. Mr. Sparks, Reiss's partner, told me so. So did Mr. Rawson and Mr. Atterbury.

"When did Reiss get this reputation?"

"When he offered Rawson \$2,500 to be appointed counsel to the Register two years ago."

Years ago. "You entertain feelings of malice toward Reiss?"
"Not as I know."

Reiss?

"Not as I know."

"Well, why wouldn't you believe him under cath?"

"No one believes him. I b lieve him a fool, but I can't go out and lick him. Time will take care of him."

The attorneys at this point decided that they had no further questions to ask Mr. Dedy and the hearing ended. Gov. Odell said that he had received Mr. Shearn's brief and asked the attorneys for the Sheriff when they could hand in theirs, Mr. Wernberg thought that he should first receive a copy of Mr. Shearn's brief, but the Governor thought this unnecessary. It was firefly agreed that Attorneys Naylor and Wernberg should have until Tuesday of next week to prepare and file their papers.

TENEMENT HOUSE BILL. Plan to Exempt Buildings in Brooklyn from Law Introduced.

ALBANY, Feb. 18 .- Senator Audett and Assemblyman Ash of Brooklyn to-day introduced a bill drafted under instructions from a committee representing various real estate, building and improvement associations in Brooklyn, which seeks to amend the Tenement House laws so as to exempt Brooklyn from certain of its pro-

visions.

The bill provides that all tenement houses in Brooklyn inhabited by not more than six families or not more than two families on each floor, and also four-story buildings on each floor, and also four-story buildings containing not more than six families and all other buildings with only one family on each floor, shall be exempt from the provisions of law.

The bill further provides that one fire escape shall be sufficient for each apartment of not more than four rooms.

Burlesque Theatre Combine Formed. ALBANY, Feb 18 .- The Eastern Circuit of Burlesque Theatres, incorporated, of New York city, was incorporated today, to provide reputable attractions for places of amusement and to main-tain harmonious relations between the manaother circuits and of companies exhibiting in music halls. The directors are Henry C. Jacobs of New York city, Charles H. Waldron of Boston, William S. Clarke of Newark and Floyd Lauman and John G. Germon of Philadelphia.

TO KILL FAKE HOTELS. Raines Would Make City Departments Aid

in Enforcing Excise Law. ALBANY, Feb. 18 .- Senator Raines introduced a bill to-day, the object of which is to minimize hotel abuses which exist not because of any law but because of the nonenforcement of laws which are believed to adequate to correct the evils and abuses to which attention has been frequently called. The remedy proposed looks to the abatement of the sham hotel business by the better enforcement of State and local police regulations.

It is proposed that when a special deputy oner of excise or a county treasurer issues a liquor tax certificate, upon an application by which it appears that the place where it is to be used is a hotel which complies with the requirements of the liquor tax law and all the building, fire and health laws of the State and locality, he shall immediately notify the heads of the building, fire and health departments of the city, borough or village where the declared hotel is situated. Each official receiving such notice must examine or cause to be examined the declared hotel and file, within ten days, with the officer who has issued the certificate, a written report showing the facts by which it can be determined whether such hotel complies with the laws named or not.

If it appears by the report that the building is not a lawful hotel, the certificate-issuing officer must immediately notify the District Attorney of the county and the Chief of Police of the locality, who shall forthwith prosecute the offender, who, upon conviction, forfeits his certificate and is held in custody until it is surrendered without rebate, and shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$500 or imprisonment and for not more than a year, or both.

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Any officer who shall make a false re-Any officer who shall make a false report or neglect or refuse to investigate any hotel in pursuance of such notice from the special deputy or county treasurer, or who shall neglect or refuse to prosecute a fake hotel-keeper making false statements, is guilty of a misdemeanor and liable to a fine of \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year, or both, and in addition he forfeits his office.

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The bill also provides that any person who shall advertise a hotel by a notice on the building or otherwise, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine and imprisonment and forfeiture of certificate in case such hotel building does not comply with the requirements. with the requirements.

"FIXING" WATER METERS. Statement That New York Loses \$1,000,

000 a Year by Tricks and Devices. ALBANT, Feb. 18 .- Assistant Corporation Counsel Whitman says of the Seymour bill, prohibiting interference with water

meters:
"In repeated instances which have come found to light since Jan. 1 it has been found that the seal of the department has been broken and the meter tampered with. Many devices are employed to prevent full registering of the water by the meter. A common device is for the plumber who sets the meter to make connections with only a portion of the supply pipes of the building, with the result that only a fraction of the water actually used is metered. The mechanism of the meter has also been found, in many instances, to have been so altered or injured that it will not register more than a small percentage of the water consumption.

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"It is estimated that by these means and various other evil methods, which the bill proposes to remedy, fully \$1,000,000 a year is lost, which, if the Penal Code be amended as proposed, will be secured to the city in additional revenue."

CORNELL'S COOPERAGE CONTRACT Porestry School Wants to Do What State

Desires in Timber Business. ALBANY, Feb. 18 .- The State Forest, Fish and Game Committee, at the close of a hearing this afternoon, decided to refer to Attorney-General Davies the complaint of the association of residents of apper Saranac Lake that the Cornell School of Forestry is illegally cutting and selling timber from the 30,000 acres purchased by the State for the purposes of the forestry school.

At the hearing to-day the university was represented by former Governor Black was represented by former Governor Black and Samuel R. Halliday, ope of the trustees of the university and the association of residents of Saranae by David Willcox, and John C. Agar of New York city, and James F. Tracey of Albany. It seemed to be the general opinion of those present that the only obstacle in the way of a change of policy at the school was the contract with the cooperage company. Cornell wants to do what the State desires, but fears that it would be held liable under the contract. It is the belief of David Willcox, however, that if the law is declared unconstitutional the contract will fall without liability to Cornell.

TO SHARE IN SCHOOL MONEY Bill Aiming to Assist Parochial and Sectarian Institutions.

ALBANY, Feb. 18 .- Senator Martin introduced in the Senate this morning a bill which is designed to extend to all incorporated schools in New York city the privilege now accorded to a few, to participate in the distribution of school moneys!

The bill provides that the representatives of all legally incorporated schools of New York city may appear before the Board of Education and make application for their share of the school moneys at a rate of \$15 a year for each pupil, provided that the teachers employed in the institution shall meet the approval of the Board of School

The bill, according to Senator Martin, will permit parochial schools and sectarian schools, by complying with the conditions required, to share in the school moneys as certain schools of religious denominations

The Machias Hits a Stone Dock PENSACOLA, Fla., Feb. 18.-The United States gunboat Machias met with an accident here this morning. She ran into a stone dock and narrowly escaped being

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departments which are offered at decided bargains. Sixth Avenue and Nineteenth Street.

ODELL SIGNS LUNACY BILL.

GIVES REASONS FOR ABOLISH-ING BOARDS OF MANAGERS.

He Is Satisfied as to the Bill's Constitutionality, Says Gross Abuses Existed Under the Old System, and Brushes Aside the Humanitarian Side of the Case.

ALBANY, Feb. 18 .- Gov. Odell to-day signed the bill of Assemblyman James T. Rogers, which abolishes on April 1 the Boards of Managers of the eleven State hospitals to the number of 100 and centralzes the management and control of these nstitutions in the State Lunacy Commission at Albany.

The constitutionality of this law is to be tested in the courts as soon as the State Lunacy Commission attempts to exercise the management and control of these nstitutions.

In giving his reason for forcing the Legslature to pass this bill, Gov. Odell wrote a long memorandum in which he says:

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As to the constitutional features of the bill:
Section 15 of stricle 8 of the Constitution
specifically states: "That the Legislature
may confer upon the commission and upon
the board mentioned in the foregoing section
any additional powers that are not inconsistent with other provisions of the Constitution." In an opinion from the AttorneyGeneral I am informed that there is nothing
inconsistent with the Constitution in the
duties sought to be imposed upon the Commission in Lunacy by the bill under consideration. Relying upon this advice I dismiss this objection from further consideration.

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That there remains, under existing law, something of the old system, something of a localized character in the administration of these institutions is apparent to any one who may investigate them. Friction exists between the State Commission in Lunacy and some of the local boards. Suggestions made by the commission may be favorably received in one hospital and totally disregarded in another. The same tendency toward extravagance in buildings is as manifest to-day as under the old system and constant demands for what seem to be totally unnecessary adjuncts to these institutions, entailing large expenditures, seem to meet with the approval of the boards of managers. Buildings for nurses are provided for at a cost of less than \$300 per capita, while the expenditure of the maximum limit of \$500 per capita allowed by law is used up in nearly every instance in the construction of buildings for the insane patients.

Buildings have been erected in connection with the Manhattan and Long Island hospitals at a cost which is but a small percentage of the present construction at other institutions and which are fully as comfortable and suitable for the purpose as those of a more expensive design. This fact, I am constrained to believe, has caused the proposed reduction in the limit of cost of construction from \$550 to \$450 per capita, which will effect an annual saving of about \$70,000.

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labor-saving machinery, such as expensive laundry machinery is used to produce the best operative results, but this deprives the patients of manual employment to a large extent, thus necessitating, while saving in the direction of labor, the construction of expensive buildings for amusement halls, some of which would rival the handsomest structures found in many of our cities of the second and third class. Refrigerating plants to produce ice at a cost of from \$1.25 to \$1.50 a ton, with an outlay for machinery of many thousands of dollars, are to be found in many of these institutions, when the natural ice could be harvested and stored at an expense of from 20 to 25 cents per ton, giving employment also to many of the patients, which would the stored from their own condition of the patients, which would the save their might verted from their own conditions from covering one and two about the suggestion was made that an outstruction and in maintenance in the suggestion was made that an outstruction and in maintenance in the suggestion was made that an outstruction and in maintenance in the suggestion is the suggestion was made that a construction of one and two atories was any better, but because it would be out of harmony with the general plan that had been adopted in recent years. Against this onposition it was finally decided to build the additional wings two stories instead of one and two, which resulted in a saving of about \$150.000 in the two institutions affected namely, Gowanda and Rochester.

All of the economies that have resulted in recent years have been the result of investigations, of insistence by the Lunacy Commission and by the Legislature, which has gradually taken away from the boards of managers the functions they theretofore possessed, and scarcely one of them has ever emanated from such a board.

I am informed that there is nothing more important than the regulation and adjustment of the population of over 23.000. It is vitally important than one member of that board appeared by this act? Ar

one which has been almost constantly under suspicion.

Gov. Odell then quotes from opinions of Former Governors Cleveland, Flower, Hill and Black in reference to local Boards of Trustees and from the investigation made by Mr. Apgar in 1879 relative to the cost of construction of buildings for these institutions. He then says:

After returning from the investigation of the institutions last summer the State architect was requested to furnish a detailed report concerning space in the State hospitals which could be utilized for dormitorles and he reported that something like 1.500 patients could be provided for if the present quarters were more systematically arranged and less space given to the officials of the institution. This when capitalized means at present an expenditure of \$600,000 of the State's money for the entertainment of their employees.

But here is another matter that must be considered and that is the humanitarian phase. It is claimed that no one can be found who will consent to accept an appointment as a visitor to these asylums, and, there-

fore, that a supervision which the boards of managers have exercised will be totally lacking. I do not believe this, but am confident that charitable people will be found who will gladly undertake this work. But have the members of the boards inspected as provided by the statutes? The visitation books answer this question and show as follows: At Utloa an average for each member of the boards of managers of eighteen visits a year; at Willard three to each manager; at the Hudson River Hospital, six to each manager; at the Binghamton Hospital, there is no record since 1897; the St. Lawrence Hospital shows one visit per manager; the Rochester Hospital shows an average of two visits for each manager; the Long Island Hospital shows an average of two visits for each manager; the hospital at Flatbush received one visit for each to anager. There are no entries in the visithe book of the Manhattan Hospital at any of its branches back of 1898. It is but fair to state, however, that there were frequent visits to the office of the hospital at any of its branches back of 1898. It is but fair to state, however, that there were frequent visits to the office of the hospital at any of its branches back of 1898. It is but fair to state, however, that there were frequent visits to the office of the hospital at any of its branches back of 1898. It is but fair to state, however, that there were frequent visits to the office of the hospital shadeen accomplished by the boards in visiting the institutions and inspecting the wards of the hospitals and the condition of the patients. They have been obliged to rely upon the resports of the superintendent in charge, which formed the basis for the more or less correct report to the State Commission in Lunacy.

* * I have come to this conclusion, to this determination, with respect and admiration for those who have so vigorously contested this measure, because I believe they have been actuated by honest and sincer motives, but they doubtless have been moved by fears which time with a convence

DIVINE ORDER FOR DIVORCE. Indiana Woman Says She Has One and She Prays in Court.

SULLIVAN, Ind., Feb. 18 .- The case of Anna Kirkham, who wants a divorce from John Kirkham, one of the leading business men of this city, and a member of one of the best-known families of the county, is on trial. Mrs. Kirkham says that she had a divine command to demand a divorce because of the alleged refusal of her husband to become a convert to her religious faith. She is a leader in the Holiness Chris-tian Church. She alleges infidelity and

tain Church. She alleges inindenty and asks \$2,000 alimony.

The testimony so far adduced is to show that Mr. Kirkham asserts that marriage yows are unnecessary when a man devotedly loves a woman. Just before Mrs. Kirkham took the witness stand she kneeled in process and in a loud voice sked that in prayer and in a loud voice asked that her husband be purged of sin. She asked guidance of God in carrying out his com-mand to obtain a divorce. Court adjourned during her prayer.

COURT LETS ABE LEVY OFF. Jerome Tells for What the Bar Admires Unger's Partner.

The investigation of Lawyer Abe Levy. who hurt the feelings of Foreman Riley of a petit jury in Judge Foster's court last week by commenting vigorously upon the verdict of Riley's jury, which had just convicted a woman client of Mr. Levy's. occupied a few minutes of Judge Foster's time vesterday.

District Attorney Jerome said that he District Attorney Jerome said that he was convinced that Levy had been moved by the great interest he took in his client and had acted on sudden impulse. The bar, said Mr. Jerome, admired Mr. Levy for his faithfulness to his clients.

Mr. Levy said that he had no intention of showing disrespect and did not think that he had done anything amiss.

Judge Foster said that while he did not fully agree with Mr. Levy, he would declare the incident closed.

FRAWLEY LIKELY TO GO FREE. But Alderman Dietz May Not Be So Lucky

in the Election Fraud Case. Counsel for Alderman John J Dietz and Tammany Leader James J. Frawley of the Thirty-second Assembly district, who are charged with aiding and abetting illegal voting at the last election, handed in briefs yesterday to Magistrate Brann in the Essex Market police court in which they argued for the release of the accused on the ground that the only evidence against them is the uncorroborated testimony of three ex-con-

The Magistrate said he would probably discharge Frawley because there was no evidence to show that he had made an illegal bargain with any one or had asked or as-sisted either of the witnesses against him The Magistrate said that he had not yet made up his mind about Dietz.

BRYAN IN CHICAGO. Witnesses the City Finance Committee

Wrestling With a Deficit.

Crucago, Feb. 18.-The most interesting feature of the Council Finance Committee's meeting yesterday was the presence of William J. Bryan. Mayor Harrison was in company with the late Presidential candidate and took him to the City Hall to see how the Aldermen wrestle with a deficit in the treasury. Mr. Bryan said to the Republican members of the committee: "It is evident that the wave of Repub-lican prosperity has not struck Chicago." from the police force as a measure sary economy, if the Council Committee and the Controller adhere to their intention of lopping off \$400,000 from the police de-partment's funds. There seems no pros-pect that the cut will be averted.

To Grow Cork Oaks in Hawall.

HONOLULU, Feb. 11, via San Francisco, Feb. 18.-Dr. Jured Smith, Director of the United States Agricultural experiment station here, has decided to begin the culture of cork caks, as a forestry product that will thrive here. He has sent for a large quantity of acorns, and besides planting many, will distribute a supply to all who will begin the culture.

If I Were King By Jastin Huntly McCarthy Of all booksellers, or R. R. RUSSELL, New York

WORK OF THE LEGISLATURE. JUSTICES WON'T GET \$20 UN-LESS GOVERNOR SAYS SO.

Senate Passes Pigeon Bill-Bill Making a Shake-Up in Kings-Tunnel Contractor May Assign His Rights of Operation-Prince Henry Committee.

ALBANY, Feb. 18 .- After a debate of over two hours the Assembly to-day passed Mr. Kelsey's bill which provides that a Justice of the Supreme Court invited to sit in New York county shall not receive the extra compensation of \$20 a day unless designated by the Governor. The bill passed by a vote of 84 to 42, the following Republicans voting against the measure: Messrs. Bennett, Gherardi Davis, Finch, Newcomb, Seymour and Sherer, New York; Cotton, Rainey and Wilson, Kings; Nye, Schuyler; Wainwright, Westchester. The bill was attacked by Messrs. Fitzgerald, Duress, J. E. Smith and Palmer (Dems.) and Davis, Nye and Bennett (Reps.) The Democrats claimed it was interference with the judiciary, was for the sole purpose of controlling more political patronage, and that the Governor could use this additional power to his own advantage.

The defenders of the measure, Messrs Rogers, Stevens and Kelsey, endeavored to show that it was in the interest of the up-State bar, which they claimed was obliged to suffer by reason of the invitations to up-State Justices to sit in New York city, resulting in the courts in the up-State counties being neglected.

Without making any comment on it the Senate, by a vote of 31 to 6, passed Senato Slater's bill prohibiting the use of live

Senate, by a vote of 31 to 6, passed Senato Slater's bill prohibiting the use of live pigeons at shooting tournaments. Those who voted against the bill were: Senators Ahearn, Culien, Feeter, Foley, Plunkitt and Ramsperger.

The Senate passed Senator Stranahan's bill permitting the contractor for the New York City Rapid Transit tunnel to assign to a corporation his right to operate the road after completion. Senator Dennelly was the only one to vote against the bill. Senator Elsberg has amended his bill providing that a voter transferred from one election district to another must have been a resident of his new district for at least three months before he can vote at a primary, so that it will apply only to New York city. The bill is almed to prevent colonization at primaries.

The Assembly passed Mr. Wainwright's bill, authorizing New York city to complete the zoological park in the borough of The Brons.

Speaker Nixon announced as the committee from the Assembly to unite in receiving Prince Henry of Prussia upon his visit to Albany the following Assemblymen: Messrs Alids, Kelsey, Coughtry, Schneider, Graeff, Palmer and Littauer.

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The Speaker appointed as a conference committee from the Assembly to meet a similar body from the Senate to act on the appropriation bill Messrs. Allds, Kelsey, Costello, Palmer and Dickey.

In order to prevent the amending of the Penal Code piecemeal Assemblyman Rogers introduced a bill directing the Governor to appear a communication to appear introduced a bill directing the Governor to appoint a commission to investigate the criminal procedure throughout the State. The commission is to consist of three District Attorneys who are to act with the State Superintendent of Prisons and the General Superintendent of the New York State reformatory at Elmira.

Senator Stater introduced a bill permitting the Broadway Savings Institution to locate elsewhere in New York City than on Broadway, as its present building is likely to be replaced.

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Senator Audett introduced a bill which in a way gets around the Civil Service law regarding a number of appointments in the Kings County Clerk's office. The bill reorganizes the clerical force of the office, changes the title of many employees and exempts certain specified employees from the civil service. Senator Humphrey introduced a bill permitting the corporation known as "The President and Directors of the Manhattan Company," which was elected by the Legislature in 1799 and now conducts a banking business in New York City, to avail itself of the provisions of the State Banking law regarding the increase and reduction of its capital and directors.

FOURTEEN-YEAR-OLD BRIDE

Arrested With Her Bridegroom at Their Wedding Reception, He for Abduction. Minnie Becker, a fourteen-year-old shop girl, ran away from her home at 208 Seventh street last Wednesday, in company with Dominick Nicartro, an Italian barber of 118 Chrystie street. On Tuesday afternoon they asked Mayor Fagin in Jersey City to marry them, and, as the girl looks older

than she is, the Mayor did it. The couple returned to the apartments of Nicartro's brother-in-law at 10 Goerck street, here, and Nicartro's friends arranged street, here, and Stearro's Friends arringed a wedding reception. An invitation was sent to the girl's parents, and this was the first intimation they had of her whereabouts. When they learned that the girl, who is a Jewess, had married a Christian, they notified the police.

Detectives Miley and Sheridan went to the reception and arrested the bridegroom.

the reception and arrested the bridegroom on a charge of abduction. His bride was sent to the rooms of the Children's society. In the Essex Market police court yesterday a score of weeping relatives gathered around the girl and begged her to promise never to see her husband again. "I will not," said she. "He is my husband

Twill not, said she. He is my husband and I love him. I won't give him up for the world. My father has brought this about because Dominick is not a Jew."

Nicartro was held in \$1,500 bail for examination and the girl was committed to the society's care.

FIGHT DYNAMITE INDICTMENTS. Contractor Shaler and His Men Demand

to See Grand Jury's Minutes. Contractor Ira A. Shaler and his employees, who are under indictment for manslaughter and illegal storage of explosives on the Murray Hill section of the Rapid Transit subway, want to inspect the minutes of the Grand Jury, and their motion will be argued this merning before Justice Lyons in the Supreme Court. The trial of the cases has been removed to Justice Lyons's court, upon application of the Dis-

ict Attorney.
Affidavits were filed with the motion Affidavits were filed with the metion papers by Contractor Shaler and Moses Epps, the negro powderman. One ground for the application is that the basis of the indictment is a charge of common law manslaughter, and that Shaler, having been five blocks away at the time of the Murray Hill explosion, can't tell until he sees the minutes just how he is connected with the death of the five men.

The other contention is that the Rapid Transit act supersedes municipal regular. Transit act supersedes municipal regula-tions and ordinances, and gives the con-tractors the right under their articles to

have twelve hours' supply of dynamite on hand, and that if there was no misde-meanor of illegal storage there was no manslaughter in the first degree. MEASLES ALMOST EPIDEMIC. Many Deaths of Children Under 5 Years

Old in the Last Two Months. During the two weeks ending Feb. 15 there have been 696 deaths in this city from diseases of the respiratory organs, according to the weekly reports of the Health ing to the weekly reports of the Health Department. The number of such deaths, being somewhat above the average, led Health Commissioner Lederle to make an investigation. He learned that more than half of the deaths were those of children under 5 years of age.

"It was measles, said Dr. Lederle yesterday. "There have been a great many cases of the disease among children this year. It has been almost epidemic. The disease first manifested itself in an unusual number of cases about Thanksgiving time. I

ber of cases about Thanksgiving time.
think it has now reached its worst and will soon relapse to the average number of cases

C. C. SHAYNE,

Manufacturing Fur Merchant,

It is evident that our winters are changing. We have cold weather in spring and warm weather in the early winter. From all indications we will have cold weather this year up to April, so that furs can be worn with comfort.

As already announced, I am largely overstocked with manufactured furs, which I do not want to carry over to another season.

ALASKA SEALSKIN (London Dyed) JACKETS & COATS.

\$50 less than former prices, bringing the prices of Jackets down from \$225 to \$175, and from \$300 to \$250, and Coats down to \$225, \$275 and \$350, according to size, length and quality.

PERSIAN LAMB (Liepzig Dyed) JACKETS & COATS.

HUDSON BAY SABLE MUFFS: \$50, \$65, \$85, \$100. \$125, \$150, \$225 to \$300.

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CLOSER TO VOEPEL MURDERER. Pieces of a Blood-Stained Undergarment

Found in the Newswoman's Flat. The police made a discovery yesterday which they think may go far toward clearing up the mystery surrounding the murder of Mrs. Kate Voepel, the Christopher street newswoman. While searching the apartments occupied by the Voepels at 129 Chris-topher street Detective Knierim found two blood-stained pieces of a man's drawers. One leg of the garment had been stuffed in the waste pipe of a stationary washtub in the kitchen. The other leg was found under a pile of kindling wood.

The police believe that the murderer of Mrs. Voepel wore this garment. Their basis for this conclusion is the fact that on the piece found in the waste pipe there is a dab of blood, as if the murderer after killing his victim had wiped the knife dry on that part of the garment. It is supposed that he then removed the garment and tore it in two, depositing the bloody piece in the waste pipe.

waste pipe.
On the piece found under the wood pile there are a few blood stains. The police think that, not having room enough for this in the waste pipe, the murderer threw it under the wood pile.
The garment was about the size that would be worn by a man of medium build.

The police consider its discovery one of the most important pieces of evidence that

the most important pieces of evidence that they have found so far. If they can find the owner of the garment, Capt. Martens thinks that they will come near finding Mrs. Voepel's slayer. Capt. Martens was asked after he had said that his detectives had some new clues, if these clues tended to detract from or to throw more suspicion on Mrs. Voepel's

"I think," said Capt. Martens, "that i puts the crime closer to the boy."

The blacksmith, Pfloeger, who lives over the Voepel apartments, said yesterday that when he went to work on the morning of the murder there was a bright light in the Voepel rooms. This was just after 5 o'clock. The boy has said that his mother awoke him about 6 o'clock.

CHICAGO PACKING HOUSE WAR New Concerns at the Stockyards Bring Down the Price of Beef.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18 .- Big packing houses in the stockyards are at war and as a result the price of dressed beef in the Chicago market has been out 25 per cent. Instead of receiving from 9 to 10 cents a pound the packers are getting from 614 to 7 cents for the best dressed beef, and the market man is reaping all the benefit, for the retail price has not been reduced.

The trouble is over the entrance of two new firms into the Chicago beef market For a long time Armour & Co., Swift & Co., and Nelson, Morris & Co. have had a mo-nopoly of the local territory and they di-vided it up between themselves and held vided it up between themselves and held prices up according to their agreement. A big slaughter house has just been erected by the Schwarzschild & Sulzberger Co. at the stockyards and they have been joined by the Anglo-American Provision Company, which formerly handled hog products, but little dressed beef in Chicago. The other concerns were quick to resent the intrusion into their territory and began to meet the competition by cutting prices. to meet the competition by cutting prices. The newcomers followed suit, determined to get business at any price. The price of fresh beef finally has gone below the cost to the packers as it hangs in their cooling

Crane-Starkey Marriage Becomes Known STAMFORD, Conn., Feb. 18.-Albert Crane, of Strawberry Hill, reputed to be a millionaire and well known in New York, where he has been an attorney-at-law, and Miss Fanny Starkey, daughter of the late George Lyman Starkey of Boston were married Lyman Starkey of Boston were married in Boston on Feb. 10 by the Rev. Dr. Samuel E. Herrick of the Mount Vernon Church. They sailed on Feb. 12 on the steamship Commonwealth for a wedding tour in Egypt and Italy. Miss Starkey was Mr. Crane's first cousin and had been keeping house for him for some time. News of the marriage has just become known.

Prayed for Death to Avoid Arrest. Yoak, Pa., Feb. 18.-While two Secret Service men waited to arrest John Ligdefrauding the United States out of pension money, he lay on his bed and prayed for death to come. He continued to pray for two weeks, while the detectives watched at his bedside. Liggett's prayers were answered and he was buried in that town yesterday.

By Lawyers Kerngood & Kalish, to recover \$5,000 for legal services to the estate of which James C. Jack, brother of the testator, is executor, was begun yesterday. The action to follow is brought by Mabel James C. Jack in his brother's estate which she says was assigned to her. Jack had adopted her daughter. gett of Fawn township, this county, for

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Priests Threw Wild Visitor Out-Then He Gave Crowd All They Wanted to Do. SOMERVILLE, N. J., Feb. 18 .- When Sexton Mooney opened the door of the belfry in St. Bernard's Catholic Church at Raritan this morning he was confronted by a big tramp who had got into the place and spent the night there. The tramp brushed him aside and went into the rectory, where the Rev. Mr. Zimmer and the Rev. Mr. Rudden were at breakfast. "I will take my coffee first," shouted the

intruder, as he interrupted the Rev. Mr. Rudden in the act of pouring coffee. The priests were inclined to humor the tramp, but he scated himself at the piano, stretched him-self on a couch, reclined in Rev. Mr. Zim-mer's library chair and finally started upstairs. Then the priests after a violent struggle forced him out the front door There he met Timothy Haley, a man-ofwarsman, who has just returned from the Philippines. The tramp was mixing it up with Haley, when Constable Corcoran aruntil eight men threw themselves of

buried him in a snow bank. He was finally put in a sleigh and brought to the county jail here. The authorities believe he is Suits Against Sam Jack's Estate.

Two cases regarding the estate of Sam T. Jack, the theatrical manager, are on the Supreme Court calendar before Justice Clarke. The trial of one of them, brought by Lawyers Kerngood & Kalish, to recover

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